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EVALUATION OF CONTENT

1. The population of the Wojewodschaft Silesia-Dombrowa (Upper Silesia) has been terrorized for some time by two gangs, the "Bajan" and the "Poldka". The security police, with the help of military reinforcements, were able to liquidate the "Bajan" gang. Seven of its members were killed and its automatic weapons were captured. Twenty-four members of the "Poldka" gang, including their leader, were captured after some shooting.
2. In the village of Dęblin, district of Lubartów, a member of the communist party PPR (Polska Partja Robotnicza) was killed by the "Szatan" gang which was equipped with automatic weapons. In the settlement of Zagros near Lubartów, a member of the same gang shot a member of the PPR.
3. The terror group "Majer Ogien", operating in the slopes of the Carpathians, as well as the organizations "Skala", "Los", and "Gwiazd" which are working under it, have suffered great losses during the last few weeks. During various encounters, five terrorists were killed and twenty-one members of the gang and nine of its liaison men were captured. The group "Platon Smierci" was broken up. Its aim had been the annihilation of political opponents and officials of the police and security service. It was learned from a captured order that this group had its own espionage network. The order stated among other things: "For the purpose of keeping our people and allies informed about the internal situation of Poland, I hereby decree that an information service should be set up along the following lines: Location of Polish military detachments, organization of units, troop transports by rail, movements of larger units along the roads, provisioning with arms and equipment, production situation, distribution of goods and similar objectives." The chief of the group gave out a leaflet in which he asked the people to fight the enemies and to help liquidate communist officials. The leaflet closes with the words: "We and the Polish Peoples Party to which every decent Pole must belong, will reward all those who work hand in hand with us."
4. During a cleaning up campaign, instituted by the Polish Security Police in the Wojewodschaft Allenstein (Olsztyn -- East Prussia), 16 members of the diversion group "Jastrzebie" were liquidated in the districts of Prusnica and Szczycina. At the same time, the head of the agricultural school in Najdymow, district of Reszel, Valentin Deptila, was arrested by the security police. The interrogation disclosed that the arrested, a party secretary of the PSL, was a member of the subversive organization "WIN", and that the "Jastrzebie" gang was directly responsible to him.

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5. In Nowa Wieś, district of Rzeszow (Galicia), a member of the "Hejman" gang was arrested. He was accused of having participated in several acts of terrorism. He had been hiding in the house of the chief magistrate who is a member of the PSL.
6. In Kraków, a member of the terrorist group U.P.A. who had participated in several attacks in the district of Grybow was sentenced to death by the Military district court.
7. The military court in Bydgoszcz (Bromberg) proceeded against a member of the opposition group PSL (Polskie Stronnictwo Ludowe) in the district of Jabłonowo. He was accused of having advised the farmers openly, during a meeting, not to deliver their quota, and was sentenced to several years imprisonment and the loss of civic rights.
8. The military district court in Warsaw accused a member of the illegal partisan movement of having kept up contacts with abroad by means of a secret radio transmitter.
9. The son of the chairman of the PSL, in the village of Raciaz, killed two members of the communist PPR. He was shot while trying to escape. An official of the security police and a farmer were murdered by terrorists in the same village.
10. During the course of an extended search of the woods in the district Slupie, six members of a terrorist group were arrested. Among them was a member of the PSL (membership number 26,404). The terrorists possessed automatic weapons, carbines, pistols, and hand grenades.

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